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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: RAILWAY LINE EXPLOSION

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF JUNE 22 STATE THAT AN EXPLOSION ON JUNE 21
WRECKED THE RAIL LINES BETWEEN WINDHOEK AND WALVIS BAY AND ALMOST
CAUSED TWO SERIOUS ACCIDENTS. ONE GOODS TRAIN HAD AN ENGINE AND
SEVERAL CARS DERAILED WHEN IT WAS UNABLE TO STOP COMPLETELY BEFORE
REACHING THE DAMAGED LINE AND A PASSENGER TRAIN BARELY STOPPED
BEFORE HITTING THE DAMAGED SECTION. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

2. PRESS REPORTS CITE RAILWAY OFFICIALS AS SAYING THE DAMAGE WAS
CAUSED BY EXPLOSIVES AND " CERTAINLY LOOKS LIKE SABOTAGE." THE
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RAIL LINE IS CLOSED AT PRESENT. POLICE AT THE SCENE REFUSED COMMENT.
THE PRESS STATES THIS IS THE FIRST KNOWN RAIL LINE SABOTAGE
ALTHOUGH SEVERAL ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN THWARTED IN THE LAST MONTH,
INCLUDING THE DISCOVERY OF 50 KILOGRAMS OF EXPLOSIVES UNDER
A BRIDGE AT KEETMANSHOOP LAST MONTH.

3. NAMIBIA NATIONAL FRONT ISSUED A STATEMENT ON JUNE 22

DENYING ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE EXPLOSION AND CONDEMNING THE
INCIDENT.
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